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WHEREAS; sexual violence against citizens of Wisconsin continues at an unacceptable rate, and, each year, affects thousands of people in our state; and

WHEREAS; sexual violence is encouraged by and, in turn, reinforces systems of oppression within society, and compels each of us to take responsibility for teaching our children about respect and healthy relationships; and

WHEREAS; continued commitment is needed to ensure that all victims and survivors of sexual violence are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve, and afforded the support they need to heal; and

WHEREAS; to prevent the future violation of our citizens, it is imperative that we foster greater public awareness of the causes and effects of sexual violence, and address this problem at every level; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin sexual assault programs, other professionals, and supporters have joined together as the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA) in order to promote the social change necessary to end sexual violence; and

WHEREAS; the WCASA requests public support and assistance as it works toward a society where all people can live in peace, free from violence and exploitation;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2014, as

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21st day of April 2014.

> SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

By the Governor

Secretary of State